

not want to work and creates a deficit on society. That is not true. Many people have fallen upon hard times. Many people have had hard times in their early lives and the cycle is not broken.

I am so disappointed that we did not do something constructive today, that we did not increase the amount of dollars needed for child care. It is well known through a study that by the increased work that we are now requiring these young women to engage in, that there is a need for increasing child care dollars. In fact, in my own congressional district whenever I go home, young mothers will come to me and say that they are on the waiting list trying to get child care so that they can either go to school or go to work. We did not do that today.

In fact, in my own State, out of the passage of this Republican get-quick bill that did not need to be passed today, we are going to give the State of Texas, along with 50 other States, what we call unfunded mandates. In fact, the State of Texas will have \$688 million over the next 5 years to fund this bill which is not funded. \$344 million it is going to have to pay for child care, which it does not have, over the next 5 years, which is unfunded through this bill, and in the meantime in the State of Texas we are going to leave 37,000 women, parents, single parents, on the waiting list for child care. What a shame and what a sham.

If we had only been given the opportunity for those of us who are concerned about these issues to reasonably debate what these issues are about. Let me share with my colleagues some amendments that were cast to the side. First of all, if anyone is awake and alert they will know that the unemployment rate is going up. In many of our jurisdictions people are unemployed. That means the jobs, the make-work jobs, the jobs that we used to have in 1996 really are being competed for by those that do not have any work. I should know because I am obviously a victim in our community, in Houston, from terrible tragedies that have occurred, Tropical Storm Allison and in fact, of course, the unfortunate circumstances with Enron where I have got 4,000 of my constituents still laid off. And around the country. So, therefore, this should have been a serious debate.

Did anyone concern themselves about inflation and whether or not the welfare payments are for individuals taking care of children? Remember, this bill used to be Aid to Dependent Children. This is not the promotion to work bill, which none of us are afraid of. I have worked since I was 16 and many others have, but this is about protecting our children. The inflation factor, they did not want to add it. What about teenage parents? Of course we want parents who are mature. Of course we do not want teenage parents. But if you have them and they resort to welfare, would you not want them to have parenting skills and financial skills?

How to manage money? Is that not a simple request to add to this bill? It was totally discarded by my Republican friends. Then of course I have already mentioned the concern for more child care. We had a bill on the floor today, an amendment that would have provided us \$11 billion more in child care so that the parents cannot only go to work and therefore get off of welfare completely or go to school and get the kinds of skills that would allow them to get off of welfare and not look back. I cannot imagine why these amendments were not accepted.

Also we have never had a study, Mr. Speaker, as I close, to find out whether welfare parents and the support they get will diminish child abuse and whether or not it allows them to permanently stay off of the welfare system. We could have done a better job. We could have done a better job on behalf of the American people, Mr. Speaker. I am disappointed we have not. I hope that we will come back to this question again.

CONGRATULATING DR. CARLA HAYDEN ON HER ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Carla Hayden, a community leader and current executive director of the Enoch Pratt Free Library from my district in Baltimore, who has just been elected by a landslide to serve as the President of the American Library Association. She will be the second African-American woman to hold this very prestigious post in the association's 126-year history.

The American Library Association is the oldest and largest library association in the entire world. Dr. Hayden will serve as its President-elect beginning this July and then take over as President in July 2003. In this position, Dr. Hayden will lead an organization of more than 64,000 librarians, library trustees and library supporters. But what is most significant about this association is that it represents the hub of our communities. Libraries connect us to the world around us, help us reflect upon our past and open the doors to our future. All of us remember either visiting our local library or using the facility at school.

Libraries serve people in many ways. They enhance our quality of life by providing a quiet place to sit, read and learn. But that is not what libraries are all about. They are vital community centers that provide Internet access, family literacy classes, homework assistance, mentoring programs, English as a second language classes, job training and writing workshops.

In addition, today's libraries play a critical role in bridging the digital di-

vide. Since Dr. Carla Hayden began to head the Baltimore Library System, which is known as the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the State of Maryland has stood as a national model for other libraries to build upon.

The Enoch Pratt Free Library has served Baltimore and the surrounding communities since 1882. In 1971, the General Assembly designated the Enoch Pratt Library as the Maryland State Library Resource Center because of its outstanding and diverse collection.

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It was one of the first libraries that included all Members of the community. Today, Pratt Central Library is in the process of building an annex that will allow the library to be of greater service to the entire community. This new addition will house a Maryland Reading Room, an African American Reading Room, a public computer lab, and a SAILOR Operations Center, just to name a few.

Dr. Hayden was instrumental in establishing the SAILOR Project. The SAILOR Project is the Nation's first library data network with Internet access and an interlibrary loan system that provides Maryland residents access to information any time of the day from any location within the State.

Dr. Hayden is also known as a key player in advancing the E-Rate Program, which was included in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and signed by President Clinton. This landmark legislation gave libraries access to Internet and information technology at discounted rates.

Dr. Hayden's nationwide experience will greatly contribute to her position as President of the American Library Association. One of Dr. Hayden's goals for the organization is to ensure equal access for all. After winning the election, Dr. Hayden said, "All people who seek knowledge, from birth to college, deserve opportunities for growth and exploration."

Prior to coming to Baltimore in 1993, Dr. Hayden served as the Chief Librarian of the Chicago Public Library System and taught graduate studies as assistant professor in the School of Library and Information Science of the University of Pittsburgh. Currently she is an adjunct faculty member at the College of Library and Information Services of the University of Maryland at College Park.

I continue to be especially impressed by Dr. Hayden's efforts to encourage minority students to enter the field of library science. Since the mid-1990s, she has chaired the American Library Association's Spectrum Initiative, a program that gives financial assistance to students working to obtain their Master's Degree.

Mr. Speaker, that is just one of the reasons that Dr. Hayden was recognized by Library Journal in 1995 as Librarian of the Year and was recognized as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by

Warfield's Business Record in 1996. She also has received the Legacy of Literacy Award from the DuBois Circle of Baltimore, the Andrew White Medal from Loyola College, the President's Medal from Johns Hopkins University and an honorary degree from Morgan State University.

In the words of media celebrity Tavis Smiley, Dr. Hayden stands out because she shows a passion for her work. "Life is too short," he says, "to not do something that you are passionate about." Dr. Hayden exemplifies that passion.

Again, on behalf of all the citizens of the Great State of Maryland and this Congress, we congratulate Dr. Carla Hayden. Baltimore is proud to have her serve in the role she now serves the Nation and, indeed, the world.

SAYING GRACE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JIM MILLER of Florida). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. McDERMOTT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, people often have the opportunity to do things which bring attention to themselves that they did not really expect, and one such person is a woman named Barbara Kingsolver, one of the most eminent authors in this country.

During the days after 9/11, she wrote a number of essays about what was happening in the United States and was, in some instances, very poorly received by people, and I think that, having met her and listened to her at the Physicians for Social Responsibility 2 weeks ago, I thought it would be good for the House to have an opportunity to think about Ms. Kingsolver's words.

The speech she gave there was entitled "Saying Grace," and it goes this way.

"I never knew what 'grand' really was until I saw the canyon. It's a perspective that pulls the busy human engine of desires to a quiet halt. Taking the long view across that vermillion abyss attenuates humanity to quiet internal rhythms, the spirit of ice ages, and we look, we gasp, and it seems there is a chance we might be small enough not to matter. That the things we want are not the end of the world. I have needed this view lately.

"I've come to the Grand Canyon several times in my life, most lately without really understanding the necessity. As the holidays approached I couldn't name the reason for my uneasiness. We thought about the cross-country trip we had usually taken to join our extended families' Thanksgiving celebration, but we did not make the airplane reservations. Barely a month before, terrorists attacks had distorted commercial air travel to a horrifying new agenda, one that left everybody jittery. We understood, rationally, that it was as safe to fly as ever, and so it wasn't precisely nervousness that made us

think twice about flying across the country for a long weekend. Rather, we were moved by a sense that this was wartime, and the prospect of such personal luxury felt somehow false.

"I called my mother with our regrets and began making plans for a more modest family trip. On the days our daughters were out of school we would wander north from Tucson to visit some of the haunts I have come to love in my 20 years as a desert dweller, transplanted from the verdant Southeast. We would kick through the leaves in Oak Creek Canyon, bask like lizards in the last late-afternoon sun on Sedona's red rocks, puzzle out the secrets of the labyrinthine ruins at Wupatki, and finally stand on the rim of the remarkable canyon.

"I felt a little sorry for myself at first, missing the reassuring tradition of sitting down to face a huge upside-down bird and counting my blessings in the grand joyful circle of my kin. And then I felt shame enough to ask myself, how greedy can one person be to want more than the Grand Canyon? How much more could one earth offer me than to lay herself bare, presenting me with the whole of her bedrock history in one miraculous view? What feast could satisfy a mother more deeply than to walk along a creek through a particolored carpet of leaves, watching my children pick up the fine-toothed gifts of this scarlet maple, that yellow aspen, piecing together the picture puzzle of a biological homeplace? We could listen for several days to the songs of living birds instead of making short work of one big dead one, and we would feel lighter afterward too.

"These are relevant questions to ask in this moment when our country demands that we dedicate ourselves and our resources, again and again, to what we call the defense of our way of life: How greedy can one person be? How much do we need to feel blessed, sated and permanently safe? What is safety in this world, and on what broad stones is that house built?

"Imagine that you came from a large family in which one brother ended up with a whole lot more than the rest of you. Sometimes it happens that way, the luck falling to one guy who didn't do that much to deserve it. Imagine his gorgeous house on a huge tract of forest, rolling hills and fertile fields. Your other relatives have decent places with smaller yards, but yours is mostly dust. Your lucky brother eats well, he has meat every day—in fact, let's face it, he is corpulent, and so are his kids. At your house, meanwhile, things are bad. Your kids cry themselves to sleep on empty stomachs. Your brother must not be able to hear them from the veranda where he dines, because he throws away all the food he can't finish. He will do you this favor: He'll make a TV program of himself eating. If you want, you can watch it from your house. But you can't have his food, his house, or the car he drives around in to view his unspoiled forests

and majestic purple mountains. The rest of the family has noticed that all his driving is kicking up dust, wrecking not only the edges of his property, but also their less pristine backyards and even yours, which was dust to begin with. He has dammed the rivers to irrigate his fields, so that only a trickle reaches your place, and it's nasty. You are beginning to see that these problems are deep and deadly, and you will be the first to starve and the others will follow. The family takes a vote and agrees to do a handful of obvious things that will keep down the dust and clear the water. All except Fat Brother. He walks away from the table. He says God gave him good land and the right to be greedy.

"The ancient Greeks adored tragic plays about families like this, and their special world for the fat brother was 'hubris.' In the town where I grew up, we called it 'getting all high and mighty,' and the sentence that came next usually included the words 'getting knocked down to size.' For most of my life, I have felt embarrassed by a facet of our national character that I would have to call prideful wastefulness. What other name can there be for our noisy, celebratory appetite for unnecessary things, and our vast carelessness regarding their manufacture and disposal? In the autumn of 2001 we faced the crisis of taking a very hard knock from the outside, and in its aftermath, as our Nation grieved, every time I saw that wastefulness rear its head I felt even more ashamed. Some retailers rushed to convince us in ads printed across waving flags that it was our duty, even in wartime, especially in wartime, to go out and buy those cars and shoes. We were asked not to think very much about the other side of the world, where, night after night, we were waging a costly war in a land whose people could not dream of owning cars or in some cases even shoes. For some, 'wartime' becomes a matter of waving our pride above the waste, with slogans that didn't make sense to me: 'Buy for your country' struck me as an exhortation to 'erase from your mind what has just happened.' And the real meaning of this I can't even guess at: 'Our enemies hate us because we are free.'

"I'm sorry, but I have eyes from which to see, and friends in many places. In Canada, for instance, I know people who are wicked cold in winter but otherwise in every way as free as you and me. And nobody hates Canada.

"Hubris isn't just about luck or wealth, it's about throwing away food while hungry people watch. Canadians were born lucky, too, in a global sense, but they seem more modest about it and more deeply appreciative of their land; it's impossible to imagine Canada blighting its precious wilderness areas with 'mock third-world villages' for bombing practice, as our Air Force has done in Arizona's Cabeza Prieta Range. I know how countries bereft of any wild lands at all view our planks for